

FARMERS OF U. S. PLAN TO CONTROL THEIR GRAIN CROPS

Co-operative Body Similar to California "Commodity Co-operation Plans" To Be Formed.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 8.—Complete control by the farmers of the wheat and corn crops of the ten largest producing states by 1923. Automatic elimination of the Chicago Board of Trade.

Perfection of a publicity and intelligence system.

This is what the farmers of the United States set out to accomplish through the formation of a giant co-operative association on the famous California "commodity co-operation" plan. The co-operative movement first projected nationally at the annual convention of the National Farm Bureau Federation at Chicago this summer is now under way following the appointment of a committee of seventeen representative farmers to draft preliminary plans.

That the farmers will completely control the wheat and corn crops of the ten largest producing states by 1923 and that in time they will have control of the entire crop of the country, which will incidentally mean the passing of the Chicago Board of Trade, is the opinion of Aaron Sapiro, of San Francisco, attorney for fourteen of the famous co-operative associations of California and other Western states who drafted the plan placed before the farm federation convention at Chicago which thoroughly endorsed and adopted it.

"There is not a doubt in the world but that the farmers are going to market the crops of the ten largest producing states by 1923 through a great marketing association of their own similar to the pioneer organization here in California," stated Mr. Sapiro. "It is going to take us over two years to get started."

"During the next six months we are going to work out our plans for organization. Then we will spend a year in spreading the propaganda of 'commodity co-operation.' Then and only then will the farmers be ready to market their crops."

Ignore Board of Trade.

"We are not going to fight the board of trade. We will simply ignore it. The co-operative farmers will take their own crops, sell them direct to the millers, export them directly. By this method they will get better prices themselves and will also cut the price of grain to the consumers. The board of trade will hold some customers for perhaps a year. Then these customers will see what the co-operative farmers are doing and will join the association. The first thing that the board of trade knows, it is out of business."

Each state in the big association will have one director in the organization. Mr. Sapiro states, with an additional director for each five million bushels marketed from that state. The public will have five representatives in the organization. One will be appointed by the federal reserve board, one by the federal trade commission and three by the department of agriculture.

"We will build up an immense organization with separate departments to handle each phase of the business," declared Mr. Sapiro. "We will have a domestic and foreign sales department, a legal department, a grain inspecting department, a grading department and a warehouse department. The association, in order to be thorough, will have to maintain its trade representatives in the big centers of the world. It will have a man in Canada, in India, in two in Russia, one in Germany, probably one in China. These men will keep the association constantly informed as to market conditions in their own parts of the globe, and what the farmers will know what to do with their crops."

The entire association will be set on the American co-operation plan, not the English Rochdale plan, must organize by commodity and by locality. There must be no local stock, because stock is not necessary.

Pool Grain.

The grain of all the farmers will be pooled by grade and variety, and growers will share equally in the proceeds. For instance, when all the No. 1 Northern Spring wheat is sold, the expenses paid each farmer, who furnished wheat of that grade, will be paid his share of the proceeds. The price per bushel will be exactly the same to each grower.

"The association will have its own elevators for storing the crops. These elevators will be owned by a separate corporation and will have both common and preferred stock. The common stock will be held by the marketing association as to give it voting power in the elevator company. The preferred stock will have no voting power and can be sold to anyone."

"The plan is one that has been tried and is successful. Fourteen big associations in California and other Western states are working under this plan. The fruit growers, the rice growers, the apple growers, the cotton growers, all have formed associations of their own. No single state is represented, but all the growers of a certain commodity. That is real co-operation."

HOPE OPERATION WILL RESTORE SINGER'S VOICE

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TEXTILE MEN TO MEET.

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DANISH GIRL SCOUT IS MAKING TRIP AROUND THE WORLD ALONE



MISS ESTRID OTT.

A slim girl in short skirts arrived alone in New York on the first lap of a little globe trip which no other girl has ever made before.

She is Miss Estrid Ott, Denmark's youngest author and leading Girl Scout (she is Capt. Ott, to the scouts), and she has ventured forth on this worldwide swing to call on her scout sisters in every land and incidentally to give an exhibition of what a Girl Scout can do in the way of taking care of herself.

young man, fought through the Civil war, and was told that he was a citizen because of his service in the American army. During the war he contracted the disease which left him paralyzed. Because of his frequent absences from this country and the consequent failure to establish sufficient length of residence, he had never voted. Only recently did he discover that he was not an American. Determined to rectify his error some time ago, he was driven to the office of the county clerk in an automobile, carried into the office on a stretcher, and there made his formal application for citizenship.

DEER ANSWERS CALL OF FORESTER OWNER

SAN RAPHAEL, Cal., Oct. 8. (By International News Service).—A two-pronged buck deer answers the calls of Jerry Shine, employed by the municipal water district at Alpine dam, near here.

Long ago Shine one day came upon a dead doe in the trail of the forest, and standing beside its mother was a fawn. It was miles to Shine's cabin, but he carried the fawn home with him, fed it and gave it the name of Billy. After a time Shine left the district. He returned several days ago and asked his fellow workers the whereabouts of his deer. They laughed at him; the deer had gone back to nature, they said.

Shine mounted the parapet of the dam and called for Billy. The deer, now the proud possessor of two-pronged horns, bounded out of the forest. A photograph was taken of the man and animal, as the latter rested his forepaws on the shoulders of Shine.

AGED VETERAN MADE CITIZEN ON DEATHBED

OAKLAND, Cal., Oct. 8. (By International News Service).—Paralyzed and lying on what may prove his deathbed, John Robert Taylor, Englishman, G. A. R. veteran, who for years believed himself to be an American, because of his service in the Union army, was given his final citizenship by Judge James G. Quinn, who transferred his court to the aged man's home in order to fulfill his great ambition.

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AIR MAIL PILOT TELLS OF SUFFERING ENDURED WHILE LOST IN DESERT

RENO, Nev., Oct. 8. (By International News Service).—Two entire days and nights in the Nevada desert without food and only the rusty water from his radiator as a possible means of quenching his thirst—that was the experience of John L. Eaton, aerial mail service pilot who was rescued after he had managed to send a telegram giving his position to air mail service officials here. The story of Eaton's 48 hours in the desert was told here by two army flyers who were the first to reach him after his message had been received here.

Eaton's forced landing was at a point 40 miles west of McGill, a little desert community, the home of a few struggling sheepherders. But Eaton did not know that the desert town was 40 miles east of him. Had he known he would have reached it, for he walked more than that distance in the opposite direction, going deeper and deeper into the desert as he walked and unknowingly leaving all hope of finding human habitation behind him. He was alone, with only the desert sand without food and with only the little water he had drawn from his radiator and carried with him. Eaton turned about and retraced his steps to his abandoned plane. He reached it and determined to "stay with the ship," though there was little hope of rescue. On the third morning, just at daylight, Eaton saw a speck on the eastern horizon.

It was just a speck, but it moved. The flyer struggled toward it. The speck took human form—it was a man. Waving his hands and calling as loudly as the condition of his parched throat would permit, he somehow attracted attention. The man, he found, was a sheepherder looking for some of his flock that had strayed from the others. He agreed to take a message to McGill for the pilot and relay it to Ely to be telegraphed to Reno. Eaton returned to his plane. Late in the afternoon he saw another speck on the horizon, then another. Gradually they assumed the form of airplanes and he knew he was safe. The planes had been sent from Reno and carried mechanics to repair the plane in which Eaton had so nearly lost his life. But more than that, they carried food, and Eaton wanted food more than rescue from the desert. Just then, Eaton was taken to Eiko, a station on the air mail route, and from there he went to Salt Lake, resuming the following day his regular flight in the transcontinental air service.

On all auto trips the motorist should not fail to take along camping equipment. Camping out along the road is one of the most enjoyable features of a motor trip. It beats searching for a desirable country hotel, and has an additional value from a health standpoint. Doctors are strong advocates of trips of this kind.—Goodrich.

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SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Oct. 8. (By International News Service).—A proposition that the organized undertakers take over the Red Cross work in caring for bodies at large accidents and prepare them immediately for identification was favorably reported at the 25th annual convention of the National Funeral Directors' association, in session here. It is claimed that the Red Cross would be glad to be relieved of the work. The plan is to have undertakers all over the country organized into groups or battalions, with capable officers and full equipment. A detail would be sent to an accident immediately upon its occurrence and care for all bodies without monetary consideration. A committee has been appointed to prepare plans and the matter will be voted on at once.

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